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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:1.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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OBEDIENCE TO JESUS

Washing the Feet of the Saints and Partaking of the Bread and Wine.

HOW, WHEN AND WHERE

The Church of God stands uncompromisingly for a full and perfect obedience to Jesus. Many say that His laws and commands are too rigid and strict for people to obey, and that a strict obedience is not necessary, but we do not look upon Him as a tyrant that would mock us, by requiring of us certain things that we cannot do, or say we ought to do things unnecessary.

Salvation was purchased for us at a great cost, and after we learn to appreciate this fact as we should, it becomes a delight to us to render to Him an uncompromising service of any kind. We do not consider any of His requirements too hard for us, or unnecessary for our observance.

When the necessity of perfect obedience to Jesus began to dawn upon my mind nearly twenty years ago, I did not think of His words being so far reaching as I have since learned, but I noticed a special inspiration taking possession of me every time I touched on the theme. This was encouraging to me and was a means to lead me on in that direction.

In my preaching I always made it a rule to follow in the direction that the Lord would bless and give inspiration. This he did every time I chose for a subject "Obedience to Jesus." I did not often dwell upon the minute points of obedience, but only taught the importance of obeying Him in a general sense.

As I look back to that time now I can see the gentle loving hand of God leading me slowly on and on. Probably if He had suggested talking in other tongues or taking up serpents it would have been too much for me. But He to whom I had given my life knew the best course to pursue in order to accomplish His purpose.

About the first that I began to see after conversion was holiness and water baptism. Then I soon saw the Lord's supper and feet washing. And along about the same time came the beautiful light of divine healing for the body. All of these were accepted as acts of obedience to Jesus, and the point of obedience, to me seemed to be above the actual benefits derived from the experiences. It was obedience to Jesus in all things and doing His biddings without knowing why, that impressed me the most all the time for a number of years.

It was by following this prevalent idea that led me to the place where the Bible Church was revealed. Doing what Jesus said to do without asking for any reason for such action became the delight and joy of

my life. I did not care what it was for, just so I knew Jesus said we ought to do it. That is the very reason I accepted feet washing as a thing to practice. Jesus said that we ought to wash one another's feet, and I wanted to do it. That was enough for me. I was bent on perfect obedience to Jesus. I heard people teach sometimes that water baptism was a symbol of a death and burial and resurrection and was an outward sign of an inward work wrought in the heart. But this teaching never appealed to me much. No matter if there was truth in it, the only thing that gave me comfort and satisfaction was the fact that Jesus said to be baptized. That was enough for me—obedience to Jesus was what impressed me most.

The first verses of the first chapter of Hebrews were always used to stimulate me on the line of obedience to Jesus. "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son." I concluded that if God was talking to us by Jesus we ought to give heed to His words and obey them.

The feet washing service is one among the most beautiful, and most attractive services that we have. To see a little crowd of devoted saints humbly bowing before one another in holy reverence to Jesus and performing this little service just because Jesus said we ought to do it, and does not explain or give the reason for it, is a mark of devotion and sincerity worthy of the most commendatory remarks.

Mary, the sister of Lazarus and Martha, anointed the feet of Jesus with the ointment of spikenard she had kept for the day of His burial, and wiped them with her hair; then there was the sinner woman that came into Simon's house where Jesus was, and washed His feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. Both of these women received from Jesus, words of high commendation. These acts were done because of the love and appreciation these sisters had for their Savior and Lord. But in each case their little token of love was disapproved by others, yet Jesus Himself approved their simple token of love.

But Jesus did not leave us the example to use oil or tears, nor to wipe the feet with our hair, but to wash one another's feet with water and wipe them with a towel. Mary's ointment was very costly, but water is not so costly. Jesus did not tell these women to perform such a service,

it was entirely voluntary on their part. But it was a service of love and a manner of worship.

Jesus does not command us to wash one another's feet, but used a very mild term to express His desires. He says we ought to do it, but there is no forcing it upon us. He used the very same word when he mentioned the paying of tithes. He did not say to compel people to pay tithes, but He said we ought to do it. If we feel under obligations to pay tithes just because Jesus said we ought to do it, then we ought to feel the same obligations relative to feet washing. And on the other hand, if we feel that we should wash one another's feet because Jesus said we ought to do it, the same obligation should be felt relative to paying tithes. In either case Jesus says we ought to do it.

The Church of God stands for feet washing and paying tithes, and while the members are not forced to do either, yet when any member fails or refuses to pay tithes or engage in feet washing service, such a one is considered disloyal, and devoid of the love of Jesus that it is expected every member of the Church should possess. Then if they refuse to pay tithes or wash feet it is evident that they do not consider Jesus' advice of much value. And if His advice is worthless about feet washing or tithing, it had just as well be considered worthless about salvation, water baptism, or the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Feet washing has its place, and should be considered a very sacred service. I do not know how often it should be practiced, but it **SHOULD BE PRACTICED**, and, as it was instituted on the same night and same occasion that the Lord's supper was, and Jesus said we ought to do it, we readily conclude that we should practice it every time we take the bread and wine. And it is evident that this ought to be done quite often, or at least two or three times a year.

The directions as to how this service should be performed are not very specific. About the only instructions we have are given by example as it was practiced by our Lord. It is our purpose to imitate Him, with some exceptions where to imitate Him would be contrary to what He said. For instance: He washed the feet of the twelve one after another, but He instructed them to only wash one another's feet—one wash another's feet.

Some have misconstrued this and believe that one person ought to go down the line and wash the feet of several or all present. But this view is contradicted by the simple words of Jesus, "Ye also ought to wash one another's feet." That is, **ONE** wash the feet of another **ONE**, and not the feet of several.

In regard to the Lord's supper, Paul gives some additional instructions, besides what is given

in the gospels about the performance on the memorable night of its institution. He instructs the participants to examine themselves and see that they are free from sin and disobedience that renders them unworthy. Each individual does this for himself. Then they are to tarry one for another, or take it by turns, one after another.

After having briefly considered how to perform this sacred service we will now present a few brief remarks on when to engage in it. It was about midnight on Thursday night when it was instituted and put in practice by Jesus and His Apostles. But there are no definite instructions given to fix the time at any special hour or day. Jesus said do it, and Paul said "as oft as ye" do it. There is one Scripture verse that indicates that in Paul's day they came together for this purpose on Sunday, but this is not sufficiently clear to make a specialty of having this service on Sunday only. Acts 20:7.

After considering this matter carefully for years we conclude that the time is left with us and can be selected according to our own convenience, and at intervals best suited to those who participate in it, or at stated times that may be agreed upon. We also conclude that it should not be so often that it would lose its sacredness and sweetness and become a mere form, neither should it be delayed too long. As for myself I do not believe four times a year would be too often, neither do I think it ought to be limited to four times a year if the saints want it more frequent.

In considering where this sacred service should be held, it may not be necessary to give it much space, but a few brief words of advice may not be out of order. This service has been held very profitably in church houses, tents and private homes. I have, for the want of room inside, engaged in feet washing out under the canopy of heaven.

There is only one place that I think of just now that I would not want to hold this beautiful service, and that is in some "hidden away" place as if I was ashamed for any body to know it. I admit that it appears that Jesus and His disciples were alone when it was instituted, but I see no teaching that indicates that we should hide away in a private room. I do, however, see teaching to the reverse of this. Jesus said, "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed." (Mk. 8:38.) "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Math. 5:16.) This is a good work and therefore should not be hid. "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God." (Luke 12:

8.) And this is surely a good way to confess Jesus before men. We confess before them that we love and honor our Lord enough to obey Him in performing this sacred service openly.

Although there was a decree made that would send Daniel hurling into the lion's den, if he continued his prayers, he went down to the house, and did not close the blinds, but with the window wide open prayed as loud as ever. Although we may be mocked and threatened or whatever, we expect to engage in this sacred service in our regular places of worship. We are neither ashamed or afraid. Our love to Him is above all. Our respect for the "words" (John 14:23.) and "oughts" (Math. 23:23, Luke 11:42, John 13:14, 2 Peter 3:11, 3 John 8.) of Jesus is so great that we expect to engage in whatever He says we "ought" to do.

There may be something deeper in the feet washing than we will ever know in this world. Jesus said to Peter, "What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter." (John 13:7.) If He would not tell Peter He may not tell us, but it is enough to do it in obedience to Him.

If we prove our obedience to Jesus by our works I am sure we will receive our just reward, but let us not obey Him merely for reward, let us obey Him because we love Him.

Missionary Day.

Sunday, May 13, Second Sunday in May, is our Missionary day again. Hope all the churches will observe this day and make it as profitable as possible.

Daisy, Tenn.

Dear Evangel Family:

I praise the Lord this morning for the Holy Ghost who helps me live a victorious life in this present sinful generation.

Jesus is my burden bearer, He has promised to never leave me alone. Though tempted and tried on every hand, I realize the presence of God to help, strengthen, and encourage. "He is a very present help in time of trouble."

I believe His word; I've never known Him to fail one who trusted in Him.

I want to be humble so He can lead me by His Holy Spirit. I want to do His will no matter what it may be.

Please pray for me and for my family.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. L. P. Lewis.

WANTED—A good man and his wife to assist me in meetings. I have a large tent and need some one to play the organ and help to preach the word.—J. O. Underwood.

Walhalla S. O.

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EDITORIAL.

Please remember the special subscription campaign mentioned heretofore. Let us do our best to get the Evangel into the homes of all our members.

Some of the states are considerably short in subscriptions in proportion to the number of churches therein. Among these are Mississippi, North Carolina, New Mexico, Kentucky and Virginia. I make this statement to encourage workers to work for the paper.

Some may think they do not need the paper, but judging from the testimonies of many others, they are surely mistaken. Every Christian needs it, and especially every member of the Church of God. Without it they are deprived of the information it contains, besides the soul food that so many are feasting upon.

It brings delight to our hearts to note the way the church is growing in favor with so many who hitherto have been arrayed against it because of false reports, and among many that never have heard of it before. It is truly on the move and many people are seeing the light and coming this way. Isa. 60: 1-4, 14.

Called Home.

Jesse C. Mullikin, son of Luther G. and Clara A. Mullikin, departed this life, Sunday morning, March 18, 1917, aged 27 years.

He cannot come to me,
But I can go to him;
God's plan is so complete
We need not live in sin.
Perfect through suffering!
Can it be, the matchless
Savior's plan for me?
Yes son, lay passive in His hand
And He will perfect thee.

As we watched our boy day by day, growing in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we can truthfully say amen to the whole will of God, and we are satisfied.
Mother,

Finleyson, Ga.

Greetings to All the Children of God:

I am praising our God for such a wonderful salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

I have been reading this morning, and praying for the people of God, that we may all be able to escape the things that are coming upon the earth. We need to look up, for our redemption draweth nigh.

Every true child of God desires a closer walk with Him. Praise God, we can sell out, and buy the "pearl of great price." The salvation of Jesus Christ will endure when the heavens shall depart as a scroll.

I bless the day I found Jesus; and I desire to press on and on until I shall have entered in through the gates into the city.

Then I can review life's race, with all of its troubles, trials, sorrows, endured for Jesus' sake, and rejoice and praise Him for helping me to run the race with patience.

I am in the Lord's work most of the time, trying to help people to get ready for His glorious appearing. I want to serve Him faithfully that I may be ready when the midnight cry is given: "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him."

Pray for me.

Your sister in Jesus,
Mattie Pope.

Dublin, Miss.

Dear Evangel Family:

I praise the Lord for the Holy Spirit in these last days.

Last Sunday night a few of us met at Brother Nelson's for worship and Sister Nelson, who was not able to turn herself over in bed without help, got up and danced all over the house. While she was dancing, people who had always opposed holiness fell in the altar and began crying and agonizing with God. They say they can't get along without the blessing.

Friends, please pray for the work here. May God bless you all.

Your brother,
Curtis Mullen.

Eupora, Miss.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I would like to spend some of my leisure moments which I would once have spent at the "checker board," in telling of the goodness of God to me.

I was once numbered with the thousands who travel the "broad road," but I saw my folly, and turned to the "narrow path, with here and there a traveler."

God has wonderfully blessed His people at this place. Though Satan has been doing his utmost it seems to overthrow the work, we are still pressing forward.

The Lord is our healer, too; He has healed me many times since I have been a Christian, and I am determined to trust Him unto the end.

Your sister,
Gertrude Washam.

Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Editor and Readers:

We are glad to be able to

report victory in our souls. The Lord is with us here.

I went to Sevierville about a week ago, and found that Sister Bales had been teaching the Word; Brother Letsinger had also spent a week with them. The Word had taken hold of many. Before I left several were saved, some were sanctified, a number were seeking the Holy Ghost.

The power of the Lord was there to heal the sick. He healed one lady whom two doctors had given up to die.

I believe the Lord will be pleased to have a church set in order there.

May God bless the Evangel, and all of His people everywhere.
Your sister,
Ettie Martin.

BE KIND TO THE AGED

C. M. Padgett.

"A Southern minister whose father owned a large plantation and was one of the good masters of the South, relates this effective scene of his boyhood days:

In an autumn month there was a death on the plantation. A very old negro was dead and father and I went out among the mourners to the burial to see the faithful old servant laid away with others who had gone out from the 'quarters.'

On reaching the grave the negro women stood on one side under the trees, clad in homespun frocks with large headcloths folded about their heads.

The only burial service was a prayer offered in a most pathetic tone by an old negro man.

As the body was being lowered into the grave the man who stood there to receive and guide the coffin, said: 'Han him down gentle, his bones is ole.'

In behalf of many old people as helpless as if dead, these words need to be sadly spoken. Old parents, old preachers, old people who have no closer ties than those of common humanity, how often their old hearts and even their old bones ache because of the carelessness and roughness with which they are treated.

A stranger called to get the minister to officiate at the funeral of his mother. 'Oh yes,' he said in reply to some expression of sympathetic interest, one hates to lose a mother; she did her duty by us as long as she was able, but you see she had outlived her usefulness.

When father died some years ago, he left nothing for mother to live on and she was too old and feeble to work. We could not get her into the 'Home for the Aged,' so we had to take care of her. There were five of us children and we agreed to keep her at our houses year about; but when my turn was out she was not strong enough to be moved, so I had more than my share. It was pretty hard for she had outlived her usefulness and was so helpless that she required a great deal of attention."

Yes, they have outlived their usefulness—these very old and worn out ones—and cannot serve us as they once did; they may be even childish now, unreasonable, and need much attention, but do

not neglect them; show them all tenderness and sympathy possible. "Hand them down gentle." The above was taken from the "Christian Herald," and may be worth passing along.

When I see an old person whose face is wrinkled, whose hair is streaked with silver, whose steps are faltering there is a tenderness in my heart toward them.

Are you unkind to your aged father or mother, or perhaps grandmother, dependent upon you for sympathy, protection and care? Though they may be childish now, look upon them with pity and love: let it be the joy of your heart to make them happy and comfortable. Do not allow them to feel like they are in the way, but make them feel welcome. Remember you, some day, may be old and dependent.

"Thou shalt rise up before the hoar head, and honor the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the Lord. Lev. 19: 32. Harken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old." Prov. 23: 22.

Put your arms around me—

There—like that:

I want a little petting

At life's setting;

When feeble age comes creeping

And finds me weeping

Dear ones gone.

Just a little petting

At life's setting,

For I'm old, alone and tired;

And my long life's work is done.

Shrewsburg, W. Va.

I am just thirteen years old. Jesus has wonderfully saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. Brother Rumler conducted a meeting here in which fourteen received the Holy Ghost. My father and mother have received the Holy Ghost and we have a happy home. I feel that this is the right way.

Please pray for us.

Your humble sister,
Ida Paxton.

Report from Rome, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to report victory through the blood. We have been having a great feast in Rome.

Brother F. L. Ryder has been with us and God wonderfully blest him in giving out the Word. There were three reclaimed and three received the Holy Ghost, and two added to the church.

We thank the Lord for our pastor, W. M. Goings, he is doing good work and building up the saints.

Please pray for us.

S. C. Elrod.

Church Organized.

Brother Gann set the Church of God in order at Wall's Chapel last Sunday with nine good members. Henry Cornutt selected as pastor. H. B. Campbell and M. S. Millican appointed deacons.

Will organize a Sunday school next Sunday.

Praise God for His wonderful power.

A true member,

Gracie Campbell.

Boaz, Ala.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Prayers do not make piety.

Nothing is more costly than sin.

Zeal without judgment is an evil.

Not to repent of a fault is to justify it.

Wisdom is taught in the school of disappointment.

A man of haughty spirit is daily adding to his foes.

Death is an end but it breeds an infinite beginning.

Don't listen to scandal if you don't want to circulate it.

When you have mastered yourself the others come easy.

There is joy in sorrow that none but a mourner ever knows.

Those who will not obey man are often found disobeying God.

You must pick up a good many stones to throw at every dog that barks at you.

Don't refuse to open the door when you hear opportunity knocking.

God is the fountain from which flows the river of our existence.

You may never get to heaven if you don't try to take some one with you.

Self preservation is the first law of nature, and with some people it seems to be the only one.—Selected by H.W. Kinsey.

White Oak Mountains, Tenn.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I have been in this way but a short time, but it becomes more beautiful to me each day. I wish I could tell the whole world of the beauties and glory of this life "hid with Christ in God."

My heart is grieved because there are so many in the "broad way" who know nothing of the sweetness of abiding in Jesus, where there is peace and rest for the soul.

How can consecrated men and women be unconcerned about the salvation of souls? How can they content themselves and put forth no effort toward helping others to a happier life? Surely such is not the spirit of the Master.

Please pray for me. I want to do my Father's will.

Ollie Cannon.

Eldorado, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am rejoicing in the God of my salvation. He has so wonderfully saved me, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. How do I know? Because I spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

The Lord is blessing us here; some one is saved, sanctified or baptized with the Holy Ghost nearly every service.

I am so glad Jesus is coming so soon. I get homesick some times, then I look over the country and see so many unprepared to meet Him, and my heart gets burdened for them.

Please pray that my wife be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Your brother,

Dan Hudgins.

Deep Spirituality the Need Of the Present Time

SAM C. PERRY

God's plans and purposes cannot be carried out by any but men and women of deep piety and who walk very close to God.

It matters not how well we know the plan of ages or the purpose of the Almighty, from a mental standpoint, we must enter spiritually into union with God in the Spirit to be partakers of this ministry.

There has been a tendency in all ages for men to get carried away with their prophecy, ministry, work, leadership, church, or something else, that would hinder them from glorying in God alone and having Him and His will their highest thought.

And in this age of independent thought and individualism we need to be especially careful that we are not carried away with some thought or Spirit and leave the "Old path."

Now this "Old path" is the way of holiness, separation from the world, union with Christ, a life filled with the power and presence of the Spirit of God, without this all our effort is in vain. "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His."

And some even have the form and deny the power thereof. It is possible for men to backslide and fail after having renounced all to follow Jesus.

A deeply Spiritual person will love prayer, Communion with God, be often in secret devotion, meditation in the Word of God, humbling often before Him that He may be known and loved and enjoyed. This will mean the melting of the heart and putting out all rebellion, stubbornness and those dispositions that are so common in the carnal professions.

It will mean a love for the public services, and a regular attendance upon them, and an effort to profit by the sermon, prayers, testimonies etc. rather than to criticise find fault or to try to pick things to pieces. It will mean a hearty co-operation with the pastor, superintendent of Sunday school or leader of prayer meeting, and an effort in every thing to make a success of the Lord's work.

Real spiritual people are not drones, or idlers, but are alive to the service of the Lord and are awake to all the interests of His cause in spreading the gospel preparatory to the catching away of the bride. They are intensely interested in the salvation of the lost, the cause of foreign missions, and the prosperity of Zion in general.

Spiritually minded people do not allow themselves to be entangled or discouraged by the faults or failings of others, they are saved from other people, their eyes are upon the Lord. Those who look at the people around them and go up and down in the scale of grace according to those around them, cannot amount to very much spiritually.

To cultivate fellowship with God where the fruits and graces of the Spirit abound and where God may bestow His gifts, it is

necessary to control our thoughts, and the tongues, keep the whole life under subjection to God's Spirit, walk continually in His fear, praying about all the affairs of life, looking to Him for guidance, which we may expect to receive abundantly by His Spirit and through His word.

Through His humble children God shines forth His blessed light, shows his power, manifests His love. It is their privilege to be the means in His hands to bring the multitudes to His side where they shall live with and for Him forever.

To be used of God and such a blessing to others we can take pleasure in giving up all to follow Him, we can afford to bear our cross and follow Him daily, being prepared unto every good work here and ready to be translated with Him in that day.

Lewisburg, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I have the victory tonight through the blood of Jesus. By His grace I am enabled to live a life above sin, and unspotted from the world. My affections are on things above and not on things of this world.

I went last Thursday and carried the three babies to see Claude; I found him living at the very feet of Jesus. I stayed two days; he did not have to work so we read, prayed, and sang most of the time.

Oh! how sweet it is to live right, and have the joy bells ringing in our souls in the midst of troubles.

I am more determined to go through with Jesus than ever before. I am living true to Jesus, and to my dear husband.

Our little girl of five years has memorized the twenty-third Psalm and eight verses in the New Testament.

May the Lord help us to be true and faithful till Jesus comes; He is coming soon. Pray for Claude's freedom.

Your sister in Christ,
(Mrs) Ora Ellard.

Madisonville, Tenn.

Dear Editor and Friends:

I am so glad I lived to hear holiness preached. I was sanctified about four years ago, and about one year later received the Holy Ghost.

There are some faithful saints at this place who mean to go all the way with Jesus.

Brother Charlie Grisam was our pastor last year, and proved to be a good and faithful one.

Brother L.C. Barrett is serving us this year, and we appreciate him very much.

I desire an interest in your prayers that I may be healed of lung trouble. I belong to God, both soul and body and am trusting Him alone.

Your brother,
Frank Green.

Daytona, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

We have had sickness in our

home and I realize that I must get where I can be associated with some of God's people.

I want to hear from Brother and Sister J. W. Buckalew, also Brother Sam. C. Perry, with regard to a meeting at this place.

I believe there are people here who want salvation just the same as elsewhere, and I could help get the work started on the East Coast if I had some one to help me, but I can do nothing alone. We need a tent and some good workers and I will do all I can to help take care of them while they are here.

I want the saints to pray for me that I may ever be found doing the will of my Father in heaven.

Mrs. G. W. Lewis.

Alva, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

The Lord has done wonderful things for me, and I am praising and giving Him the glory for it. I am trying to show my appreciation of His goodness by obeying His word, and doing the things He has taught us to do.

God is faithful to His people; His promises are true and are never broken. He offers salvation to all who will meet the conditions, and when those conditions are met, we are saved; He has never been known to break His covenant with anybody.

He tells us He will sanctify His people and baptize them with the Holy Ghost. I know He will do all these things because when I met conditions He sanctified me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost.

Thus it is with all that we receive from God; we must do what He says do in order to receive His blessings.

We are taught in the Bible that we owe to God one tenth of our income—one tenth of the eggs, chickens and everything we possess. Jesus says we ought to pay tithes and if we do not we are failing to do His will. I believe that because of this failure on the part of many, they are not receiving the blessings from God that they would otherwise receive.

Let us do all we can to help spread the gospel; we have only a short time to work for Jesus. May God help us to do our best.

Your sister in Jesus,
Emma Harris.

A Request.

To the Evangel Family:

I want to ask you to pray a special prayer for me. I was once a Christian, but not having much light on the Scriptures, I drifted away from God.

I have turned away from my sins, and am anxious to have the joy of salvation restored unto me.

Luther Hadsock.

Lenoir City, Tenn.

Dear Readers:

Jesus is my Savior; through His precious blood I am cleansed from all sin, and the Holy Ghost has come to abide with me forever.

I desire the prayers of God's children everywhere.

Bessie Frye.

OFF TO SOUTH AMERICA

Is F. L. Ryder and Wife of
Chattanooga Tenn.

This bright young couple have given themselves for the work in South America. We have been praying for God to raise up laborers and send them out everywhere to carry the blessed gospel to foreign ports. Our prayers are being answered.

Brother Ryder has been among the churches in Tenn. and Ga. in the past few years sufficient to prove himself able, and capable of doing good service for the Master. He has gained many friends, who, I am sure, will pray for him as they learn of his departure.

Their last service with their home church at Chattanooga was one of pleasantness and victory. Brother Scott, who reported this meeting, says, "The blessed Lord gave him several good messages of encouragement, and he was promised good success if he would remain humble at His feet. We had a hand shake and entered into a covenant to pray for him and the Holy Ghost worked in a wonderful way. They shouted and cried and talked in tongues and fell on his neck and kissed him and wept aloud, and the missionary spirit ran high. Praise God for it all."

Brother and Sister Ryder planned to sail from New York City the 28th of April, bound to Buenos Aires, South America, but as they did not their passports in time to go on that date, they will go on the next boat D. V. We hope their voyage, as they plow the high seas, will be a pleasant one and that they may make a safe landing in this southern port whither they will bear the standard of the great Church of God and plant it on South American soil as successfully as it has been planted on North American soil.

Grace be unto them. Wisdom and peace from on high be theirs. May the prayers of the saints follow them and prevail for their support and success.

MISSIONARY DAY

Please remember that Sunday, May 13, is our Missionary Sunday for the purpose of encouraging the missionary spirit among our people, and to take up missionary collections in every church. This should be attended to promptly, for now that we are getting missionaries on the field they must be supported. And besides this, if we are a missionary church at home we will have God's blessings upon us in a greater degree.

Remember, also, that this missionary Sunday, the second Sunday in every other month was instituted by the last assembly and should be strictly observed by every church.

While the collections are only freewill offerings, and no one is compelled to give, yet there ought to be liberal giving for this purpose.

As a result of the observance of the second Sunday in January, and the second Sunday of March we have been able to put three missionaries in South America, besides helping other places as the reports show. This ought to encourage us to push ahead.

The next Missionary Sunday

will be May 13th, 1917. If for any cause the pastors and churches cannot possibly observe this special day, then they should select a day as soon thereafter as possible. But no church should fail, and as much as possible every one should observe the same day—SECOND SUNDAY IN MAY.

Send all collections to the Evangel office, Cleveland, Tenn. by order of the Assembly.

FURTHER RECEIPTS FOR MISSIONS	
Church, Clara, Fla.	\$ 1 00
Olive Strickland, Spring Creek, La.	2 00
Martha Durgin, Chickamauga, Ga.	1 00
Church, Old Bight, Cat Is. Bahamas.	2 00
A friend, Wimauma, Fla.	1 00
Mrs. Aaron Bronson, Okeechobee, Fla.	1 00
W. A. Brawner and wife, Maitland, Fla.	1 00
Total	\$ 9 00
Previously reported	805 57
Total receipts	\$814 57
Disbursements.	
Previously reported	226 27
Maggie Jefford, Bahamas	20 00
W. H. Cross, "	80 00
Lewis J. Major, "	5 00
Lucy M. Leatherman, South America	220 00
Lillian H. Trasher, Egypt	8 00
Jennie B. Rushin, China	25 00
F. L. Ryder, South America	200 00
Total	\$784 27
Total receipts	\$814 57
" Disbursements	\$784 27
Balance in treasury	\$ 30 30

McMinnville, Tenn.

To the Evangel:

The meeting that has been in progress here closed last night. Six received the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4, and others testified to the saving power of the Lord.

The preaching of the Word was honored by the Lord and the prayers of the saints offered to Him for the seekers were heard and answered.

We are all pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

We covet your prayers,
A lover of the Lord.

Chillicothe, O.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings:

Have just closed a meeting at Marietta, O., where we had a hard fight against sin and wickedness, but God gave the victory. Five received the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4, nine were added to the Church of God at that place. Brother Fred Hawkins, of Parkersburg, W. Va., was selected as pastor of the church. They have a nice little Sunday school, and God is blessing his saints there.

Went from there to Parkersburg and preached one night, two received the Holy Ghost. The saints are surely on fire for God and shouting the victory.

From there returned to Chillicothe, and found the Lord still working here. A lady of the Trinity Methodist church had received the Holy Ghost, and talked in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Praise the Lord.

Your brother,
E. Haynes.

An Exhortation.

To the Saints Everywhere—
Greetings:

The war is raging; millions are in the conflict; the sands of acres of land that was once waving with corn and wheat, are now plowed by cannon balls.

Other nations are coming into the conflict and now the war clouds are hanging over the United States of America. We do not know what the end will be. Let us get ready for the coming of Jesus, for His coming is very near.

Now, beloved, the things of first importance is to get salvation; but because we are looking for Jesus we are not to fold our hands and quit our work. I am not talking about saving souls, but about manual labor.

God wants us to look at the practical side of things pertaining to this life, as well as the life to come. Paul says, "Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."

The prices of food are constantly going up. There is a general shortage the world over. Now, my friends, if you live on the farm do not plant too much cotton and things that cannot be eaten; but plant more corn and other edibles. Write your farm paper and see if there is not some way to keep the weevils out. Lay in a good supply of peas and beans, and a big crop of potatoes.

Be sure to have a good garden coming on. You can almost live out of a garden.

Those of you who live in the cities and work by the day, hoe the weeds out of the spare corners of your back yard and utilize every foot of ground with cabbage, turnips, beans, onions, etc. Buy a wagon load of stable fertilizer and dump it on your back yard with proper care. You will be surprised at the amount you can raise, and how much it will help your table. You can do this by working a little during your spare moments.

After all, our living comes out of the ground. Let us do what we can to get it out. And do not forget that one tenth belongs to the Lord.

If God has called us to preach, let us preach with all our might. If we are working by the day for wages, let us give our employer an honest day's work. If we are working on the farm, let us be diligent to make the very best crop we can. It takes a good deal of study and skill to make a successful farmer as well as any other vocation in life.

Diligence and wisdom are the essentials in every undertaking. Ask God to bless your labor and then go to work.

Peace be unto thee.

C. M. Padgett.

Bosworth, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Brother W. F. Bryant and Brother I. O. Barrett have been with us and have done a great deal of good. The meeting was a blessing to us. Some were sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise God for the old time power!

The church was set in order with twenty-seven members; we

desire the prayers of the saints that God will make the church to shine forth His glory.

I have been in this way nearly three years, but I did not receive the Holy Ghost until about two years ago.

Please pray for my wife to be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Your brother in Christ,
W. T. Lunsford.

Soddy, Tenn.

Dear Readers:

It is so blessed to serve the true and living God, who is able to do all things, whose power is unlimited.

When I first heard the doctrine of holiness preached I did not believe it, but God soon showed me by a vision of His mighty power, that this is the truth, and I was glad to accept it.

My mother was an unbeliever and thought it was because of my not having a Bible that I accepted the gospel, so she at once bought a big Bible and gave to me; but she is enjoying the experience now as well as I.

Jesus says we must forsake father, mother, houses and lands for His sake. I had no houses nor lands to forsake, but father and mother were very dear to me.

I praise Him for bringing my mother to Himself, and I am trusting Him for my father.

It is so sweet to trust in Jesus; to rest in His everlasting arms. The Holy Ghost is with us continually to comfort and guide into all truth.

Yours in Christ,
Ada Jones.

Laymond, Ky.

Dear Evangel Family:

After living in sin a long time doing many things contrary to the will of God, after being in jail twenty-four different times for drinking, bootlegging, gambling, etc. the Lord so graciously saved me from all of my sins, and about three months later baptized me with the Holy Ghost. How did I know? Because I spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

I am so glad I came in contact with the people who were filled with the Holy Ghost. I knew they could not sing, pray, shout and dance as they did, if they were not of God; then they preached the word, too; I knew God was with them. I am so glad I accepted the truth and received these wonderful experiences.

I praise the Lord for the Evangel; as I read its pages I can feel the mighty quickening power of God in my body.

Your brother,
J. H. Hensley.

Arley, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

How I praise the Lord for this wonderful salvation! He has so blessedly kept me from the tempter's snares.

Nearly five years ago He sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. The comforter abides today. The experience becomes sweeter and more glorious day by day.

At the beginning of this year I promised the Lord to try to live closer to Him, and do whatsoever

He would have me do. Please pray that I may be faithful to Him.

Your sister in Christ,
Savannah Wilkins.

Empire, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We are readers of the Evangel, and find it a source of encouragement and spiritual blessing. As we read its pages we are inspired to press forward to higher heights in the Christian experience.

I am delighted with this great salvation. God has kept me from sin five years. He is our healer; my mother has been wonderfully healed by His mighty power.

Brother T. S. Payne has been with us giving out the word in its fullness. God is blessing and giving the victory.

Your sister,
Beulah Justin.

Patrick, N.C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am glad that I belong to the royal family; my name is enrolled in the Lamb's book of life.

God has kept me nearly two years free from "the yoke of bondage," and through Jesus Christ our Lord I have perfect peace within.

God is just as truly with His people who are obeying Him now, as He was with Israel when they obeyed Him. Praise the Lord!

We have just closed a good meeting at Turtle Town, Tenn. There were many hungry hearts there.

Your brother in Christ,
A. C. Bailey.

Dunnellon, Fla.

Dear Editor and Evangel Friends—Greetings:

I want to speak just a little word for Jesus, He has done so much for me.

When I was drifting away from Him—farther and farther from the fold—He kept calling me until I finally yielded to His gentle pleading voice. How I praise Him for his tender mercy!

Through the goodness of God I have been miraculously healed of pellagra.

Please pray for my husband and me; we have not received the Holy Ghost, but believe with all our hearts.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. W. O. Lewis.

Signs in the Heavens.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I believe Jesus is coming soon. Strange things are taking place. Did you see the two comets flash up in the sky Friday night? They remained unmoved for quite a while and disappeared.

On Saturday a great ball of melting, sparkling fire passed over this county and exploded over the top of a high mountain, high up in the air. It was felt and heard over a large area. All over the whole county, people have been trying to find signs of it, but have failed to find anything yet. It could be seen above the brightness of the sun. Great sparks of melting fire flashing in every direction

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as it passed through the sky. The jar of it was awful.

This is just the fulfillment of prophecy. Jesus is coming soon. Jesus says for us to lift up our heads for our redemption draweth nigh, and for us to watch and pray lest our hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, drunkenness and the cares of this life.

I never felt more like going on and pressing the battle than now. I am glad you kept me from the field (farming) this year. I wish Brother Payne had a tent to help us work Alabama. I believe our people would give him one if they were asked to do it. I wish we had some way to let them know how it would help the work along to have it. Help us pray about it.

Pray for us. We need your prayers.

Thy brother,
J. B. Ellis

Colcord, W. Va.

Dear Editor:

We have just returned from Oppy, Ky., where the Lord was with us in the services from time to time, demonstrating His power to save, sanctify and baptize with the Holy Ghost. Several were healed of various diseases. Praise the Lord for His goodness!

Opposition ran high; we were ordered to leave the schoolhouse and our appointments were filled by all the preachers they could get to come, but the Lord was with us anyway. He can work and none can hinder.

We were at this place once before, at which time four were filled with the Holy Ghost. There are now sixteen baptized saints. Pray that God will give them a leader.

Your brother,
S. O. Luther.

Lafollette, Tenn.

Dear Editor:

I'm sure the Evangel should be in every home, and I am willing to do my very best to get it into all that I possibly can.

I am trying to follow Jesus, and more determined to go through than ever before. It is so sweet to trust in Jesus, and let Him guide us in all things. I want His will done in my life.

I want to request prayer for this place; pray that God will manifest His power in a wonderful way, and that the signs will follow.

Your sister in Christ,
Nellie Staritt.

CAMPMEETINGS

WIMAUMA

At Wimauma, Fla., will begin May 31, 1917, and continue ten days, or longer.

J. W. Pitcher, of Baltimore, Md., in charge.

There will be a restaurant on the camp ground, where those attending may get good meals at reasonable rates. Brother Brown, who will run it, has also promised to keep a line of groceries and supplies for the convenience of all, and perhaps fresh fish every two or three days.

We extend a hearty invitation to all. Come praying, and let us expect a feast of good things from the Lord. Come, and let us make this the best campmeeting we have ever held here.

Zeno C. Sharp, Clerk.

ALVA

The Campmeeting at Alva, Fla., will begin May 15, 1917, and continue ten days or longer as the Lord leads.

Brother E. B. Culpepper, of Lake Park, Ga., in charge.

Come praying for a good meeting and prepared to camp.

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J. A. Williams, Clerk.
Alva, Fla.

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